

(57) **Abstract:** An apparatus and method are described for transferring substrates to and from a printer. In a described embodiment, the apparatus includes a pair of storage units for vertically stacking substrates, and a laterally moveable platen. The storage units are moveable vertically with respect to the platen in order to transfer substrates to and from the platen. The apparatus and method have particular application in the handling and printing large numbers of biological samples on glass slides.

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